

### **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated December 28, 2006 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 1, 3-9, and 11-13 are currently pending.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Masaki (Japanese Patent Pub. No. 10-000626) or Sandstrom (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0058084). The Office Action asserts that claim 10 is a product-by-process claim which is directed to a molded product molded by the use of the disc-molding mold of claim 1. As mentioned above, claim 10 has been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is rendered moot.

The Office Action indicated that claims 1, 3-9, and 11-13 have been allowed. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case since all of the currently pending claims have been allowed.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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